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Hongkong, May 22, 1890. 946

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless information is received from the Consignees before 1 p.m. To-day (Wednesday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 23rd Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem.

All Claims must be sent to me on or before the 30th Instant (Friday), or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 21, 1890. 935

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Electra*, Capt. P. Müller, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from Godown.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow, the 22nd Instant.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong, Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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Hongkong, May 21, 1890. 938

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Hongkong, April 1, 1890. 93

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Immediate Entry.
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Hongkong, May 3, 1890. 691

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FIRST FLOOR of No. 3, BLUE
F BUILDINGS.—From 1st June.
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MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, April 29, 1890. 803

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Crew of the following Vessels, during
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E. D. P. Nickels.—Master.

Wm. H. May, American ship, Capt. J.
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NOTICE.

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respectfully informed that, if upon
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D. GILLIES,
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Hongkong, November 6, 1890. 2122

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The Foochow Echo of 17th inst. says—First crop teas have arrived in large quantities from the different districts, and we understand it is the intention of some of the tea houses to send their masters out on the 19th instant.

The cotton yarn trade at present has turned out very disastrous in Szechuan province. Some time ago the price of this article was Tia. 90; now it has dropped down to Tia. 32, causing heavy losses to a great many merchants. *Notice Paper*.

It is understood, says a native paper, that a Foreign Commissioner of Customs will shortly leave for Chungking, and a foreign Custom House will be established there the same as in the other ports, but no foreign boats or vessels owned by foreigners will be allowed to trade there yet. Chinese boats may fly foreign flags (and most probably will be owned by foreigners or under foreign protection) and may trade there.

This Japanese policeman is a very thoroughgoing, according to the paper, and we see by the *Japan Gazette* of the 10th instant that says—Just before going to press, we are informed of a very serious affair which has occurred at Yokosuka during the past few days. While the work of discharging cargo from the *Glendore* was proceeding, notices in Japanese were conspicuously placed on and near the ship prohibiting smoking—a very necessary precaution considering the awful disaster of a match or any lighted asbestos might cause in such a place as Yokosuka dockyard and with such cargo as kerosene about. A coalie was discovered in the act of smoking on the vessel and our information is, that a policeman standing near seized a block of wood and struck at the coalie with tremendous force, breaking him on the spot.

This Chefoo correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury writes—The new waterworks in Port Arthur are reported to be a great boon to that station, and it is supposed that the scourge of typhoid fever, or the fell cholera friend, will not now molest the inhabitants much as in by-gone times, when thousands of coolies perished in finding employment at the dockyards, without any good water being available in sufficient quantity. The dock at Port Arthur is not opened yet, and nobody can be certain as to precisely when the memorable event of its opening is likely to come off, if at all; which is to be regretted, considering that the dock ought to have been in working order according to the contractor's engagements, long ago. From Wo-hai-wai 1st Legion, while just meeting, that the training-ship *Weiyuan* has been dispatched to the Northern shores of the west coast of Korea, where some reliable surveying is urgently needed, and no doubt the able navigator of that ship, Mr. McGiffen and his pupils, will render some useful account of their mission.

Mr. Norman Kerr has been interviewed by a correspondent of *Woman* upon the increasing use of narcotics by women. Alcohol, he says, is the most frequently used narcotic. "But I could give you a formidable list of narcotics which women in all ranks of society are daily using—Chloral, chlorodine, ether, chloroform (used by women here than in America), sal volatile, eau-de-Cologne, and so on. I have known ladies addicted to alcohol drink three bottles of brandy a day. A bottle a day is by no means an uncommon quantity. I have had patients who had substituted themselves to two ounces (900 grains) of chloral as their daily allowance. Truly, brandy or chloral, I may say, is a full sedative drug. I have treated patients who have been in the habit of swallowing 200 grains of chloral a day, and I have known ladies who could take a pint of chloral wine in the twenty-four hours. Both tea and coffee are used in excess. I found a patient insensible in her room one day who had drunk nothing but tea. But she had consumed a pound of tea in the day. Tobacco, in the form of cigars as well as of cigarettes, is constantly resorted to by women. Thirty cigarettes a day has been the allowance of some of my patients."

At 2 p.m. yesterday says, the *Shanghai Mercury* of 19th inst., one of the most destructive fires that had occurred for a long time in Shanghai broke out in the Shansi Road. It originated in No. 42, a cotton shop, by a man throwing a lighted match that had just kindled his pipe on some loose cotton, which immediately blazed up, and the fire spread with amazing rapidity to the adjoining and opposite houses. The alarm was quickly rung out at the Central Police Station, and the different fire companies were on the scene with their usual promptitude, but the flames had been fanned into activity by the breeze blowing at the time pretty highly, and had got a good hold on the houses before help could be laid on. In spite of the great efforts of the firemen, in the fire gutted nearly everything on both sides of the road from Hankow Road to Kiangnan Road and about 55 houses in all were destroyed. The contents of two large houses at the Hankow Road end, which were not burnt, though a good deal damaged by water, were insured with the North British and Mercantile & Commercial Union Companies. With this exception, we believe, there was no insurance on contents.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR
That General Edwards has gone Home, having, it is presumed, finished the work he was sent to do.
That little more need be said.
That people are asking what brought the Hoppo of Canton to Government House at the celebration of the Queen's birthday.
That the venerable Mr. Wong Shing and the other Chinese notables of the Colony religiously kept out of the great man's way.
That H. E. the Acting Governor was unfortunate in having a thunderstorm to minimize his party in celebration of the Queen's birthday.
That Mr. Fleming is getting for himself a good name both for hospitality and for consideration of his guests at Government House.

That a lady was heard to say, "Well, Jack, things are better managed now than they have ever been, and this is the first time since I have been here we have had a comfortable dressing room; everything was so nicely arranged, and it was so thoughtful of him; then that supper, and these pictures—what a pity the storm kept so many people away!"—Quoth Jack, rather cynically, "Polly, my dear, policy is a true statesman, who knows the affairs of this world are managed by women!"—Nonetheless, says she.

That the inaccuracies of the Imperial Government are becoming a byword amongst us, especially when applied to armaments and garrison.

That our promised European Regiment is now to be composed of Indians, on the Home principle, I suppose, that two blacks make a white!

That if they give us Punjaubian or Ghorkas, we need not trouble ourselves much, but surely miserable Bengalees will not be sent; and it would be interesting to know why such literies are being taken by the Secretary of State with the English language.

That many old Colonists who were born Conservatives think that a Radical change has come over the Imperial authorities.

That Mr. W. M. Deane probably merits the man, G. M. more than the Order does the man.

That the sympathy of the entire community has gone forth towards our new Attorney General in his sad bereavement, although words are but feeble things at such times.

That the timely rain has saved the P. W. D. many a loft-handed blessing, and although we are not yet quite out of the wood, I hear our present Surveyor General is doing his best level to make up for the shortcomings of his predecessor, though much hampered in his honest endeavours.

That one would have thought the work of securing the distribution of a never-failing water supply was the primary duty of Government; but even that had to be left to a Special Commissioner, Mr. Chadwick.

That the threatened water famine of this week will surely be the last which this Colony will ever hear of.

That I hear the office of Assistant Harbour-Master is to be done away with, and another created, to be known as "Superintendent of Emigration," at a higher salary.

That as there is a good deal in a name, unofficial members will kindly note.

That the Supt. of Emigration will be available to understand the port of Harbour Master, in the same way as Dr. Doberck's time-ball-dropper will do the part of Director of the Observatory.

That the Chinese Authorities have a knack of sending officers out here with very wrong impressions as to what their duties are to be, and when these gentlemen arrive here and find they have been misled (probably from ignorance) they become discontented.

That this bungle has been made three or four times during the last two years, and it is most unjust to individuals and very detrimental to the public service.

That the worst feature of the system is that the officials on the spot seem to have little or no power to put matters right.

That the early bird does not always get the worm.

That a certain "Sail" scurried along to the Shipping Office a few days ago at 10 a.m., and thought he had got the front seat.

That he had it—until 10.45, when the chief of the department strolled in—(Government hours 10 to 4, with eighty or ninety minutes foriffin).

That previous to the chief's arrival, an overture in dunting, etc., was performed by the office coolies, to keep the "audience" in good humour.

That the department was further shortened by the second in command, being absent on some Hindu joss-pidgin.

That skippers could well afford to do less dinging of heads, in that department, than they do.

That a good nautical British could run this sub-department in a more satisfactory manner, and be on time.

That "Will you spial?" might be the motto on the seal of one of our local companies.

That if the Chairman doesn't know it already, I may not be out in telling him that his company has, for shortness, been named "The Big Spider."

That once as the accounts may seem to the uninitiated, I fancy shareholders won't strain at the gnat, but will pleasantly swallow the camel of 14 per cent. dividend, and quite right too.

That money is very tight, and if you don't believe it, ask Maitland.

That spiling in the shares of the larger land company has not brought about much success to the "general," though many big D's have been heard, they don't spell dividends.

That I think it is exorbitantly funny to find that the partner of the leading share operator is one of the Committee of the Trust and Loan Company.

That if our unofficial members of Council made their voices heard at the Council Board a little oftener and a little louder, there would be less chance of money being expended before it was sanctioned here.

That the time is coming when our affairs will be heard of in the British Parliament, as a prelude to our being allowed to settle them ourselves.

That when Commissioner Morgan came here, he was warned not to go fooling around in Chinese residents who only wanted a hole fresh air on the other side of the water.

That he took the hint, and all went smoothly and well, and I may repeat the warning to Commissioner Mr. Leavy Brown, in all friendliness of spirit.

That it is the Chinese who smuggle, and not Europeans, and as the Chinese Convention is still on its trial, it will be well not to overstrain the testy.

That this presentation of a medal to Constable Green was a sensible recognition of pluck.

That to their credit be it spoken, such instances of pluck are by no means rare among the gallant boys in blue.

That it is well this recognition of merit also takes somewhat of a remunerative form, though not very large.

That the souls even of heroes are not altogether superior to the consideration of gold.

That the *Foochow Echo* of 17th inst. says—First crop teas have arrived in large quantities from the different districts, and we understand it is the intention of some of the tea houses to send their masters out on the 19th instant.

That no doubt the medals are much prized,

but they are none the less appreciated because they carry with them a slight increase of pay—ranging from \$10 to \$250 per month.

That the members of the Missionary Conference had a narrow escape from what might have been a most serious accident.

That the escape is "doubtless" considered providential, though had the accident been a more worldly assembly, it might have been looked upon as a judgment on giving way to the vanities of photo-graphy.

That in our recent trials there was rather a tendency shown to palliate crime to an extent that almost invested vice with a shadow of virtue.

That however, it may be the catastrophe

of two young lives suicidally shipwrecked, there is a point to which, for the sake of the emerging sympathy ought not to be carried.

That fortunately the Acting Chief Justice was both clear-eyed and level-headed.

That the Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital acknowledged receipt of \$5, "lost but."

That the sympathy of the entire community has gone forth towards our new Attorney General in his sad bereavement, although words are but feeble things at such times.

That the value to the Colonial revenue of a fairly vigorous "Dumper" caught in the act, has now risen to \$10.

BROWNIE.

THE RICHMOND TERRACE ESTATE AND BUILDING COMPANY.

A meeting of the shareholders of this company was held to-day. Mr. J. D. Humphreys presided, and there were also present Messrs. T. H. Talbot, W. D. Sutton, A. H. Mancell, H. Humphreys and A. P. Nobbs.

On the motion of Mr. Mancell, seconded by Mr. Nobbs, the report and accounts were adopted.

The Chairman proposed the re-election of Mr. A. W. Maitland as auditor.

Mr. Sutton seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman—I think this concludes the formal business of the meeting. I did intend to say a good deal, and to lay before you what I have in view for the further advancement of the company, but my time has been so fully occupied during the past week that I have been compelled to set these plans aside for the moment, until we get over the press of work that has been caused by the fire in our warehouse, which I may suppose gave us an immense lot of extra work all round. I will at an early opportunity let the principal shareholders know by circular what I propose to do, and if they, as I have no doubt they will be, are in accord with me, I will call a meeting for the purpose.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO. LIMITED.

The first ordinary general meeting of shareholders of this Company was held to-day in the Hongkong Hotel. There were present Messrs. H. L. Dalrymple (Chairman), T. E. Davies, L. Poolecker, (directors), H. P. Tannatt, H. Wicking, G. S. Coxon, F. W. Cross, A. Ozorio, J. F. Cox, D. R. W. W. Wickham (manager), and C. F. Hartland (Secretary).

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, we have

arrived here and although there was exhibited the usual "awful, reluctant, amorous delay" during that afternoon, business commenced in real earnest on the 8th, and has continued with a growing vehemence ever since. A great export has just pronounced the "rush" to be the greatest on record, culminating in the fiercest excitement, an excitement which as yet shows no signs of abatement.

For this "rotten state" of Denmark buyers for Rio are also responsible.

It is quite possible, then, that if Foochow teas are good and cheap, they will be taken at home in preference to the inevitable shipments from Hankow. Now a word or two as regards the situation here. There was no delay in opening fire; the enemy was attacked at once.

A dozen ships of Ningchow, and some

of Keemun were burnt in Kiangnan on the 6th inst., but the non-gentry buyers there, uncertain of the safety of the "basis," only took four parcels of the latter description; and those at the not out-of-the-way price of Tia. 37 to Tia. 40, the tea price being about 10 per cent. under those current last season, but the laying down cost equalized that of last year by reason of the high rate of exchange.

The next day, the 7th, buyers were shown here, and although there was exhibited the usual "awful, reluctant, amorous delay" during that afternoon, business commenced in real earnest on the 8th, and has continued with a growing vehemence ever since. A great export has just pronounced the "rush" to be the greatest on record, culminating in the fiercest excitement, an excitement which as yet shows no signs of abatement.

The Prince expressed himself about as follows—It is still we are still a Minister of the Crown I would wish to abstain from the *Tea Guild*. But we are touching on a point not included in the scheme; the promoters intend, we understand, to work quite independently of any rules or regulations. Whether they will be strong enough to act independently, and whether such freedom of action would meet the approval of foreign buyers remains to be seen. That the tea houses have fatted on the expense of the tea men ever since the trade connected with them has been taken over by the tea men themselves.

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